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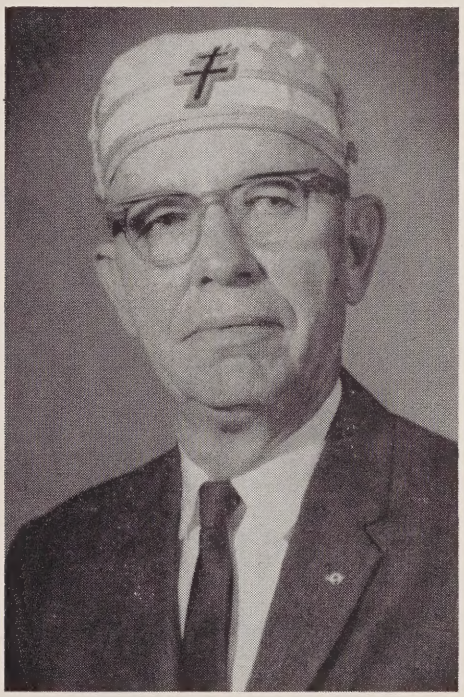

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November 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1963

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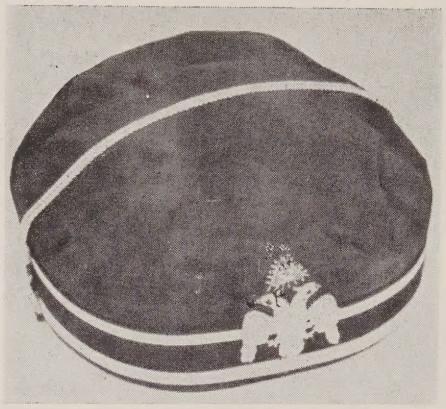

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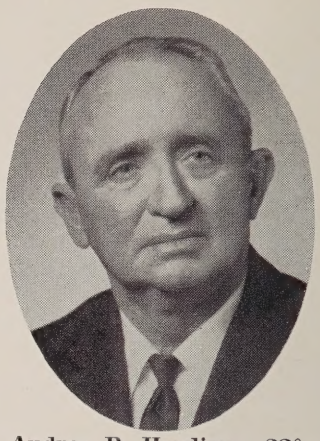

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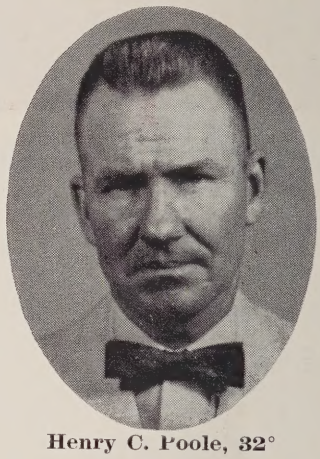

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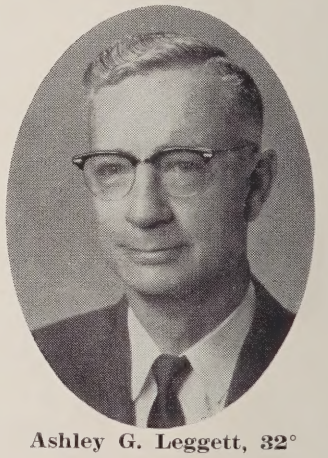

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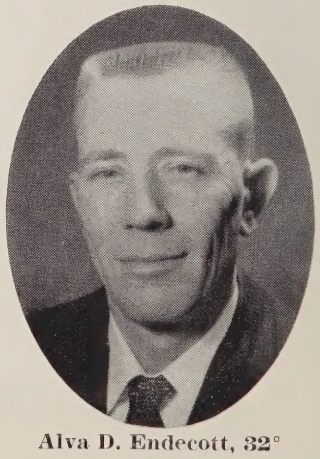

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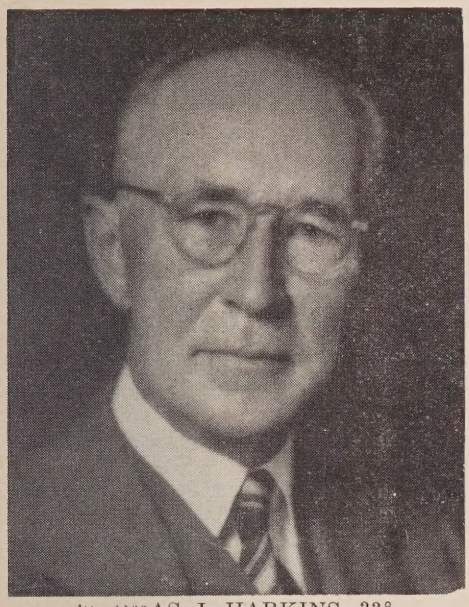

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The several Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of New Bern. Orient of North Carolina, acknowledge and yield Allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, the Mother Supreme Council of the World, whose see is at Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, of which Luther A. Smith, 33° is Grand Commander, Claude F. Young, 33°, is Secretary General, Thomas J. Harkins, 33°, Past Grand Commander is Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina, Robert L. Pugh, 33° is District Deputy Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

GREETINGS

To All Scottish Rite Masons
Wherever Dispersed Throughout the World

You are cordially invited to join with the Co-ordinate Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of New Bern, Orient of North Carolina, in their

FALL REUNION
November 19, 20 and 21, 1963

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

C. A. SEIFERT, 33°

It's back to the trenches, boys — back to the firing line. The time to get those petitions for the Scottish Rite degrees is now. I firmly believe that as individuals you have one or more Masonic friends who have not yet received the Scottish Rite degrees and that further light in Masonry they are admonished to seek.

You are all familiar with the wonderful product we have to offer. You know that our Consistory is fully equipped to exemplify these beautiful degrees; how our equipment is second to none; how each degree has its own stage settings to portray the period of time in which the action took place; our beautiful and expensive costumes; our brilliant lighting effects and our very efficient degree teams that have worked together for years in the degrees that provide that further light in Masonry and our bounteous meals served in our spacious and beautiful dining room. Emphasize these things to your prospect and I feel sure you can create real interest and if you will do this I feel sure you can get his petition. Someone got your petition so return the favor. Obey the Golden Rule — do as you were done by.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Secretary

FLASH!

Word has just been received from the Supreme Council in Washington, D. C., informing the New Bern Consistory that we have been signally honored during the recent session of the Supreme Council, which convened in Washington beginning Sunday, October 20, and continuing through Friday, October 25. New Bern Consistory No. 3 has been richly rewarded for its many fine efforts during the past two years.

Illustrious Thomas J. Harkins, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina and Past Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, has informed the office of the New Bern Consistory that he was pleased to nominate to the Supreme Council the names of eleven 32° Masons of the New Bern Consistory to receive the Investiture of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. This is a very signal honor indeed, and is the largest number of our members to receive this award in many a year. The brethren who were elected by the Supreme Council upon the recommendation of Brother Harkins to receive this honor are as follows: Richard Dallam Shinkle, Vernon Vogan, Leslie Lee Parker, George Elkanah Roberts, Charles Taylor Potter, Jacob Raymond Chadwick, Alfred Frederick Wood, Clyde Gay McCarver, Luby Gaskill Hardison, Jesse Wilson Harris, James Burton Barnhill.

Following custom, Brother Harkins will have the Ceremony of Investiture for these eleven brethren at some place in North Carolina, which he will choose to designate later. At that time the eleven brethren from the New Bern Consistory will be sent to receive this great honor. The red caps which signify the honor, will be awarded to our brethren during the coming Reunion at the banquet marking the final session of the three-day period of activity.

The highest honor within the power of the Supreme Council to grant was bestowed upon three of New Bern Consistory's Knights Commander of the Court of Honour, and these three brethren received this supreme honor, the Thirty-third Degree, on Friday evening, October 25, in the Scottish Rite Temple, Washington, D. C. This degree was conferred by the Thirty-third Degree Team of the Supreme Council, and three of New Bern Consistory's most outstanding brethren were selected to receive this honor. These three were Thomas Bradley Brown, 32°, KCCH; H. J. MacDonald, 32°, KCCH; and Richard H. Lucas, 32°, KCCH. A number of Thirty thirds from New Bern Consistory attended the session of the Supreme Council to witness the conferral of this degree upon our three honored brethren. Even though these brethren have already received the degree, the white caps indicating this honor will be bestowed upon them during the coming Reunion.

EXCELSIOR LODGE NO. 261 FAMOUS DEGREE TEAM TO VISIT NEW BERN

On Saturday, November 23, 1963 at 7:30 P.M. the Lodges of New Bern will be host to the outstanding degree team of Excelsior Lodge No. 261, Charlotte, N. C. at which time they will confer the Master Masons Degree dressed in full and ancient regalia. This will be held in the Sudan Temple Shrine Auditorium where plenty of comfortable seats are available. Master Masons with current dues card are invited to this great event. The largest number of Masons ever assembled in New Bern is expected to witness the outstanding work of this Degree Team that has just returned from Oklahoma where they conferred the third degree in full regalia before the Grand Lodge of that State. Every Master Mason should be present.

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THE COVER PICTURE

The BAGPIPE honors in this issue Brother Thomas G. Slate, 33°, our beloved Class Marshal.

Brother Slate was born on December 6, 1895 in Mizpah, N. C. and is a member of Phoenix Lodge #8 in Fayetteville. He became a Scottish Rite Mason on April 29, 1937 and has been an active and influential member ever since that time. Brother Tom has joined every Masonic organization that is now in existence and when he pulls out his billfold to display his current year's cards he uncovers at least 50 or 60 other cards showing that he is a Mason in every possible degree that has ever been instituted.

On September 28, 1926, he was married to Miss Eunice E. Ellett of West Point, Va. Brother Tom has been actively interested in the civic and religious life of Fayetteville for many years. A Past President of the Fayetteville Life Underwriters, he belongs to most of the active civic organizations in town. He was Secretary of the Adult Department of the First Baptist Church Sunday School for 19 years, and spent another year as General Secretary of the whole Sunday School.

His long service in Masonry is evidenced by the following achievements: Master of Phoenix Lodge No. 8, Fayetteville, 1930-31 and again in 1944.

Past Worthy Patron, Long Leaf Pine Chapter No. 186, O.E.S., Fayetteville.

Past High Priest, Phoenix Chapter No. 2, R.A.M., Fayetteville.

Past Illustrious Master, Fayetteville Council No. 27, R&SM, Fayetteville.

Past Commander, Palistine Commandery No. 20, Fayetteville.

Past District Deputy Grand Master, 14th District, 1939 and 1945.

Certified Lecturer of the Grand Lodge.

President District Deputy Grand Master's Association 1948.

District Deputy Grand High Priest, 1943 and 1944.

President Order of High Priesthood, 1950.

Thrice Illustrious Master, 1944.

Sovereign Master, Valley of the Cape Fear Council No. 24.

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest, 1945.

Knight of the York Cross of Honour, 1946.

He received the Investiture of KCCH in October 1943 and was coroneted a 33rd Inspector General Honorary, by the Supreme Council in October 1949.

He is Past Sovereign of St. John of Patmos Conclave No. 67, Red Cross of Constantine.

He has been a Marshal for our Scottish Rite Bodies for the last 35 years and as such has done an outstanding job and won the praise and plaudits of our members. His name is known throughout the entire world inasmuch as members of the New Bern Consistory are scattered all over the globe and when the Brethren in foreign lands reminisce about the wonderful experience they had in New Bern at the time they were initiated they always mention Tom's name.

We all love him and he is untiring in his efforts to promote the interests of the New Bern Consistory both day and night. We are proud to honor Brother Tom in this issue of our magazine.

REPORT TO DATE ON THE MASONIC FOUNDATION

In the last issue of the BAGPIPE you were reminded of a letter which each of you had received from our Illustrious Brother Thomas J. Harkins, 33°, S.G.I.G., Past Sovereign Grand Commander, and President of the N. C. Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation. In this letter Brother Harkins gave a vivid and complete description of the Foundation and of its purpose. Quite a number of our brethren have contributed and will have quite a satisfaction in knowing that they have had a part, and will continue to have a part, in providing a fellowship for some worthy postgraduate student from North Carolina who will enroll in the George Washington University to study in the School of Political Science. Thus, we can help in making possible the training of government servants qualified for such service in the best possible manner. In the last issue we reported 285 contributors, totaling $3,387.50.

Illustrious Brother Roy Pool, 33°, who is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Foundation, has been good enough to provide me with an up-to-the-minute report of the contribution from the beginning of the campaign. His last message reports the contributions as of October 12, 1963. On this date there were 499 Scottish Rite Masons in North Carolina who had contributed a total of $5,075.50. This represents an average contribution per donation of $10.17.

Thus, the campaign is progressing and a number of the brethren are recognizing the value of the program. Certainly, however, we must feel that 499 contributors are not a very complimentary expression of the potential of the thousands of Scottish Rite Masons in North Carolina. The campaign is continuing, and you are urged once again to take out your checkbook and forward a check immediately to Brother Roy R. Pool, whose address is 1314 Mordecai Drive, Raleigh, N. C. Brethren, this is a magnificent project in which Scottish Rite Masons of North Carolina are participating. We must make it one in which we can feel the utmost satisfaction and pride.

R. L. Pugh, 33°, Executive Director

N'AYE FORR-GET THESE DATES

November 4
Elizabeth City Ladies' Night Party

November 6
Williamston Ladies' Night Party

November 7
Greenville Ladies' Night Party

November 7
Ocracoke Island Scottish Rite Club Ladies' Night

November 11
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November 13
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Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

To you who have sons, even though these sons may no longer be children, I think you will like the following. To the others who have no sons but have wished for such, I think you will appreciate it. For those who have no sons and have wished for none—move on. You are in the wrong column.

WHEN A FATHER PRAYS

Build me a son, oh Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid. One who will be proud and unbending in defeat, but humble and gentle in victory.

A son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know, that to know himself, is the foundation stone of all true knowledge.

Rear him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenges. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; let him learn compassion for those who fall.

Build me a son whose heart will be clean, whose goal will be high. A son who will master himself, before he seeks to master other men. One who will learn to laugh, but never forget how to weep. One who will reach far into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these are his, add I pray, enough of a sense of humor so that he may always be serious yet never take himself too seriously; a touch of humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness; the open mind of true wisdom; the meekness of true strength.

Then, I, his father, will dare in the sacred recesses of my own heart to whisper, "I have not lived in vain."

Children need models more than they need critics.

Little Marjorie: "You gave Janie the biggest piece of cake."

Mother: "But you see dear, Janie is bigger than you."

Little Marjorie: "Yes, and she always will be if you keep giving her the biggest piece of cake."

The only exercise some of us get is jumping at conclusions, running down our friends and neighbors, sidestepping responsibilities, and pushing our luck.

Most people wouldn't have such fat wallets if they removed all their credit cards.

The man who gets into a cage with a dozen lions impresses everyone except the school-bus driver.

Never forget that people judge you by your actions—not your intentions.

Brethren, two great occasions are in our direct path. Both for which we can be grateful and thankful, for they both stand for good. They are the Reunion and Thanksgiving. Let us pause for a good, long look around us. In many countries they do not have the privilege of the bounty and fruit we have in our good land of America.

Until next time, remember, "You came into the world not because you chose to—or where you chose to—but because the world had need of you."

Your piper,

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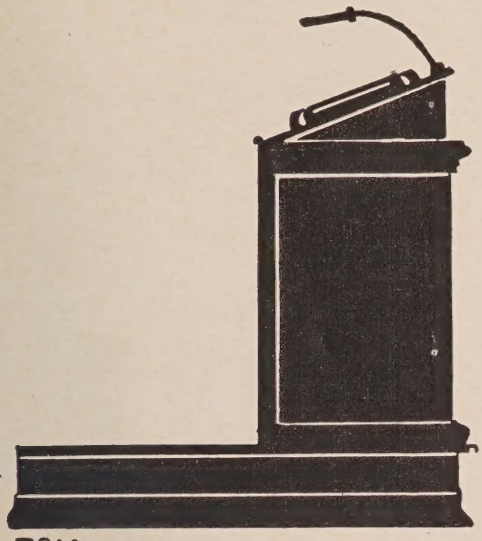

From The Classroom

BY R. L. PUGH, 33°, CLASS LECTURER

This issue of the BAGPIPE will come to you immediately prior to our November Reunion. Quite a number of the brethren have been working dilligently in an effort to obtain the largest class of candidates that we have had. It is to be hoped that their efforts will have been successful. Certainly, it is true that the entire area of our jurisdiction has been covered very thoroughly. Our Secretary has suggested a new idea which should appeal to quite a number of prospective candidates, and it is to be hoped that this proposal which he has presented will be given an excellent opportunity to reveal its full value.

Many people are concerned about the future of Masonry. This topic has been a featured question for discussion for a good many years wherever Masonic leaders have been assembled. In many instances they have witnessed a decline in Masonic membership. In still other instances they have witnessed a decrease in interest and attendance. And, viewing these conditions with a pessimistic alarm, they have almost immediately raised the white flag of surrender. As proof of this, I should like to present to you some ideas that recently came to my attention through a copy of THE BULLETIN, which is the official publication of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. This particular issue was the July and September issue of 1963, and the editor, Brother Howard A. Clark, proceeds to present some very interesting and challenging quotations from a number of Grand Masters of the United States and Canada, which indicate their concern for the future of Masonry. One of these Grand Masters had this comment to make: "It is beyond the power of any Grand Master to fully analyze or definitely determine the exact status of Freemasonry in his jurisdiction today. The cross currents of human thinking are very evident; the changing concepts of social, economic and political ideas have their effect upon a stabilized way of life. Masonry is involved, not of its own accord, but because it cannot avoid the unsettled conditions of any given time."

Another had this comment: "I do not know the answer why our Grand Jurisdiction in common with many will again show a loss in membership. I do know that Masonry seems to be losing its close contact with the people. We are letting our candle burn too dimly, its light lost in the exciting brilliance of modern life."

And still another has this pessimistic report to make: "The loss of members or retarded growth reported everywhere, and, above all, the universal poor attendance at meetings, will not permit me to report the state of the Craft as being good. Our jurisdiction shares the problems of the others and differs only in degree."

There were quite a number of quotations of a similar vein, but interestingly enough, in the same issue Brother Clark proceeded to quote from some of the same Grand Masters, from whom these pessimistic statements were made, some suggested solutions to the problem. One Grand Master had this to say: "There is nothing wrong with the institution of Freemasonry so long as we adhere to the principles that we teach. The goal of Masonry has always been the betterment of Mankind." And another: "There is nothing wrong with Masonry in our jurisdiction that a little zeal on the part of our membership will not correct." And still another makes this interesting suggestion: "Masonry is for the free men—men free to worship God according to their own personal beliefs—men free in the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness. These freedoms were of paramount importance in the minds of those Masons who helped write the Constitution of our country."

Thus, it is quite obvious that the inherent challenge of Masonry itself provides the solution to the problems with which we are confronted. In Masonry we can find those elements which, if properly nurtured, will give us inspiration to activate our lodges and make of them pillars of strength in our com-

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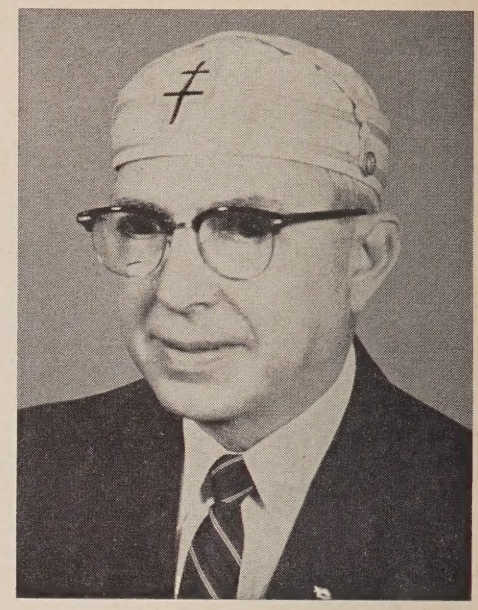
munity. After all, we do not need to apologize for Freemasonry. There is nothing in it that requires an apology from any of its members. As a matter of fact, in this same issue there is a very fascinating quotation from Brother Arthur W. Marriott, 2nd, 33°, entitled, "Freemasonry Speaks for Itself." It is such an interesting presentation that I want to give it to you in full.

What am I?
Ah, that is a question I am often asked.
No, I am not a religion.
Great religious leaders of all faiths
Have told me that in my halls
And they are experts on religions of every sort
And they know the truth of what they say.
No, I am not a religion.
But, I am that without which
No religion can really exist.
I am gentle, I am kind.
I am persuasive.
I seek not to force any ideas
On any man.
I admit into my halls
Only those who of their own accord
Declare that they believe
In the One and Everlasting
True and Eternal one God.
I declare to all my children
That they and everyone are the children of one Eternal Father.
And that they should aid, assist and protect each other.
I have shed no man's blood.
I have blessed no battle flags.
But, happily I have seen
My children on both sides of a battlefield
Sympathize with
And help one another
When in distress.
But those who hate me
Have often shed the blood of
My children to destroy me
And in that
Through the ages
They have singularly failed.
My altars support the Word of God
And without that Word being present
I permit no meeting to convene
And in that Book
I have often read
By the Apostle James
These words:
"Pure religion and undefiled
Before God and the Father is this,
To visit the fatherless and widows
In their affliction, and to keep
Himself unspotted from the world."
No, I am not a religion
But I am that without which
No real religion
Can ever exist.

Chas. T. Midyette, Jr., 33°, Director of Work



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PROGRAM SCOTTISH RITE REUNION

NOVEMBER 19th, 20th, and 21st

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REUNION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, November 19th, 1963

10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. E. Lewis, Nat M. Baxter, Stacey T. Lupton, H. L. Lundy.

10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Ben F. Gillikin, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by E. H. Bunting, J. G. McDaniel, Albert Gianotti, L. T. Barrington, D. Elmo Jones, J. E. Blaylock, Paul V. Vogan, Ira Stephens, W. R. Stanley, Hubert Williford, W. E. Gardner.

11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. Charles R. Gray, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Chas. P. Gaskins, W. J. Rogers, Paul Jewett.

12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by L. Guy Matthis, Leslie L. Parker, Paul Vogan, R. L. Pugh, Nat Baxter.

1:00 P.M. —Luncheon.

2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neal Windley, Al Conway, S. C. Chadwick Jr., Leonard Daniels, Tommie Avery.

3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. W. C. Moore, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Vogan, H. J. Carpenter, L. Guy Matthis, C. D. Lancaster, Tom Brown, B. F. Gillikin, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, L. T. Barrington, C. T. Potter, Neil Vester.

4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. Jather McLawhorn, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by E. P. Blair, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, J. L. Ashley, A. F. Wood, E. M. Moore, Lester Hart.

4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. W. H. Roberts, Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Owen Lemmon, Neil Vester, Miller Bassnight.

12°—Communicated.

5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. E. P. Blair, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Richard H. Lucas, Jack G. White, Raymond Leggett.

PROGRAM SCOTTISH RITE REUNION (Cont.)

6:30 P.M. —Dinner.

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Louis N. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by B. F. Gillikin, O. H. Lemmon, William L. Flowers, James E. Blaylock, M. L. Barfield, Andrew Murphy, Howard B. Constant, W. R. Stanley

Wednesday, November 20th, 1963

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East. C. A. Seifert, 33°—G. C. Langston, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Raymond Legett, Chas. T. Potter, R. L. Pugh, C. Wallace Jackson, N. M. Baxter

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Ebbie Gaylord, A. B. Hardison, Harry L. Mann and Wm. W. Alligood.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Owen H. Lemmon, R. L. Pugh, Albert Gianotti, Albert T. Willis, Jr.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. Thomas G. Slate, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Warren H. Coolidge, D. L. McRainey, Quincy J. Scarborough, William C. Hammond, Jr., R. V. McBryde, William S. Oliver, Alex Arab, William L. Ramsey.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Tom Brown, R. L. Pugh, C. A. Seifert, Paul V. Vogan, W. H. Scott, Cecil Harmon, W. L. Adams, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Oscar C. Brock.

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5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercey, Reynold S. Davenport, 32° K.C.C.H., Master of Degree, Assisted by Lovie J. Smith, J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, W. A. S. Aman, H. G. Alberti, G. C. Faville, Jr., W. F. Thomason, Louie J. Smith, and Joseph S. Lane.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner.

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. L. Guy Matthis, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, J. D. Reese, A. N. Heath, W. H. Purser, E. P. Blair, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, R. B. Gerock, A. T. Willis, Jr., Guy C. Langston, Raymond Leggett, Oscar C. Brock.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Robert F. Spence, Clinton E. Bunch, Clifton E. White, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Francis Rowe, Walter T. Kirby, Wilborne M. Smith, John A. Sawyer, Ray Piasecki, Clyde Garrett, Irvin Weatherly, Tom Brown, W. T. Hawkins, L. T. Barrington.

Thursday, November 21st, 1963

9:30 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.

1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master; Assisted by Francis W. Clark.

2nd Apartment: S. A. Griffin, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master; Assisted by Herman Barnes, Marvin Evans.

3rd Apartment: T. Bruce Boyette, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master; Assisted by Paul Bailey, S. L. Jenkins, Jr., Wilson Scottish Rite Club.

4th Apartment: Alonzo Honeycutt, 32°, Master; Assisted by Carl Aycock.

12:00 M. —Luncheon

1:30 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. E. W. Paul. Sr.. 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, Lambert Morris, B. F. Gillikin, A. N. Heath, Charles R. Gray, O. H. Lemmon, Albert Gianotti, L. T. Barrington, Chas. T. Potter, V. J. Spivey and Warren H. Coolidge, Robert F. Spence.

3:30 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. H. Bruce Johnson, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Leslie L. Parker, E. P. Blair, Walter Kirby, Robert F. Spence, Frank G. Almond, Wallace Jackson, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, Johnnie Braxton, Oscar C. Brock, Francis W. Clark, Harvey W. Smith, Chas. R. Gray, C. E. Bunch, W. M. Smith, A. C. Walters, H. F. Griffin, O. H. Lemmon, W. J. Bundy.

5:45 P.M. —Banquet closing Reunion.

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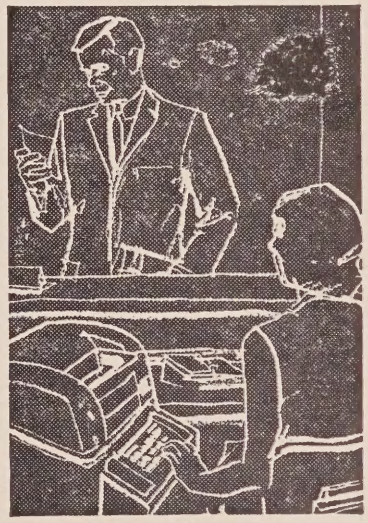

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November 19, 20, 21, 1963

Tuesday, November 19th

8:00 A.M. Tour of Cherry Point—World's Largest Marine Air Station

12:30 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple

2:00 P.M. Theater Party, Masonic Theatre

6:00 P.M. Dinner at Scottish Rite Temple

Wednesday, November 20th

9:30 A.M. Tour of Tryon's Palace and its Formal 18th Century Gardens

12:30 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple

2:00 P.M. Tour of New Bern's Famous 67 Points of Historic Interest

6:00 P.M. Dinner at Temple

Thursday, November 21st

8:00 A.M. Tour of Camp Lejeune

1:00 P.M. Lunch—Officer's Club, Camp Lejeune

3:00 P.M. Theatre Party, Masonic Theatre

6:00 P.M. Dinner At Temple

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There probably isn't a chance in several thousands that you might remember me—I was the tall, lanky, curly-haired, underweight fellow that received the degrees in October 1929. I well remember that I was a little late for the beginning of one of the degrees . . . you consoled me, and told me that it wasn't the "end of the world," that I could probably "pick up where you left off" and continue to receive the remainder of the degrees. Well, I "picked up", and I'll never forget your kind words, and encouragement.

For many years thereafter, I looked for your face at the Tiler's station, Oscar Kafer, and of course Charlie Seifert at the Secretary's desk . . . to make sure my dues were paid to date.

Please give my best regards to your wife, whom I remember as being very gracious in serving clam chowder, steamed oysters, the very best of fried fish and all the other good foods that New Bern Consistory has always provided for the Reunions.

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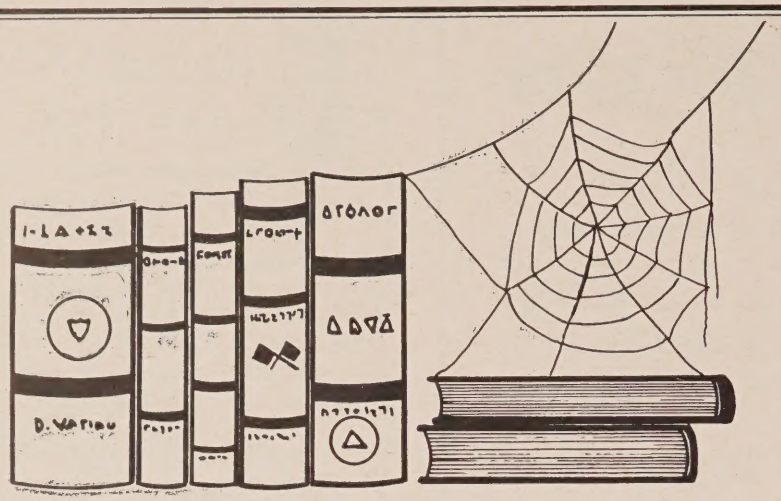

TEMPLE TOMES

In the fourth degree of Scottish Rite Masonry we find an amplification of that all-important first degree, for it is here that we learn of the Shekinah.

Shekinah is a Hebrew word meaning "that which dwells," or "dwelling". An expression used in the Targums (translation or paraphrase of some portions of the old testament in the Aramaic or Babylonian of Judea.) in place of God. Ex. 29:45 is rendered "I will cause my Shekinah to dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God."

At the dedication of King Solomon's temple the Shekinah was dramatically present. From the LXX we read "And when the priests were come out of the Holies (for all the priests then present were hallowed and were not distributed by rank), and the Levites, who were singers . . . with their sons and brethren, arrayed in robes of cotton, had taken their stations with cymbals, and with lutes, and with harps, over against the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests, sounding trumpets so as to join in harmonious concert both with those who led the song and those who made responses to thank and praise the Lord; soon they raised their voices, with trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and said,

O praise the Lord for it is good,
For to everlasting His Mercy endureth;

Immediately the house was filled with the cloud of the glory of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God."
Then follows the sermon of Solomon and his beautiful prayer of dedication (see II Chron. 6 and I Kings 8) wherein Solomon exclaims "Will God indeed dwell with man on the earth!" (LXX translates this as an exclamation, KJV as a question.)

The Shekinah Glory appears in Leviticus (16:2) "And the Lord said unto Moses . . . I will appear in the cloud upon the Mercy Seat". It appears as the guiding cloud (Numbers 9:15—) In Exodus 40: 34 (LXX trans.) "the cloud covered the tabernacle of the testimony, and the tabernacle was filled with the glory of the Lord so that Moses could not go into the tabernacle of the testimony, because the cloud overshadowed it, and with the glory of the Lord the tabernacle was filled. Now, when the cloud had ascended from the tabernacle, the Israelites prepared to march with their baggage. But if the cloud did not ascend they did not prepare to march, til the day when the cloud ascended. For there was a cloud on the tabernacle (tent) by day, and in the night there was a fire on it in the sight of all Israel throughout all their journeyings." (The temperature on the Sinai plains is as high as 150 degrees F.)

In a prior chapter (33rd) the Shekinah glory becomes literally the Glory of His Presence. Here Moses prays (LXX trans.) Behold thou sayest, Lead on this people, but hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said to me, I know thee above all men and thou art in favor with me. If therefore I have found favor in thy sight manifest Thyself to me in an evident manner, that I may see thee in what way soever I may have found favor in Thy sight, and that I may know that this great nation is Thy people. And he said, Must I Myself go before thee and give thee rest? To which Moses replied, Unless thou Thyself accompany us, take me not away from this place: for how can it be known for certain that I and this people have found favor in Thy sight, but by Thy going with us? or I and this people be glorious above all that are on earth? Then the Lord said to Moses, Even this which thou hast said, I will do for thee; for thou hast found favor in My sight and I know thee above all men. Upon which Moses said, Manifest Thyself to me. And he said, I will go before thee with My glory and I will call My name, the

*To a people under law, God is "in a thick cloud", and unapproachable. (Ex. 19:9-23)

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Lord (i.e. Jehovah), before thee; . . . but, said he, thou canst not see My face; for no man can see my face and live.

Then the Lord said, Behold there is a place near Me. Thou shalt stand upon the rock, and when My glory is passing by, I will place thee in a cleft of the rock and cover thee with My hand over thee, until I pass by, then I will withdraw My hand and then thou shalt see what are behind Me but My face cannot be seen by thee.

In Exodus 24:17 "And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel".

We all know the Christmas story, but listen—"And lo, the angel** of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them . . .". At the daylight ascension ". . . He was taken up and a cloud received him out of their sight". (Act 1:9)

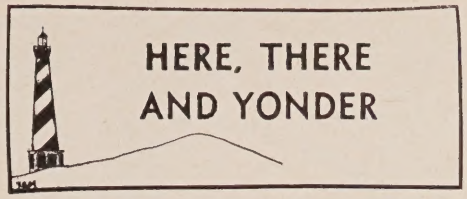
There is also an allusion to the Shekinah glory in the transfiguration narrative of Matt. 17:5—God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all. (I Jn. 1:5)—Jesus Himself said "I am the light of the world: He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. (Jn. 8:12)—Furthermore Jesus said "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set upon a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house." (Matt. 5:14)

What the Shekinah glory was to the tabernacle and temple, that the Spirit is to the "holy temple", the Church (the called-out ones), and to the temple which is the believer's body i.e. "What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (Spirit) which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (I Cor. 6:19) "In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." (Eph. 2:22).

"For the same God who said 'Out of darkness let light shine', has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. And because for us there is no veil over the face, we all reflect as in a mirror the splendor of the Lord; thus we are transfigured into His likeness, from splendor to splendor; such is the influence of the Lord who is Spirit." (II Cor. 4:6 & 3:18) (New English Bible)

Summarizing the Shekinah (or Shekinah-Glory) of the fourth degree, it is the dwelling presence of Him who is Light, in whom we are and in whom there is no darkness.

*Heb. "the other one".
**Angel is Greek, meaning messenger.



By E. P. Blair, 33°, Vanceboro, N. C.

AS FOR ME MY BED IS MADE

By E. P. Blair, 33°, Vanceboro, N. C.

"As for me my Bed is Made." I am opposed to bigness and greatness in all their forms." These words were spoken by William James, one of the world's greatest philosophers. These words do seem to take on a great and important meaning when we look at some of the conditions of our time. In the first place, we do spend much of our time reading the headlines, even acting it out in our daily living, looking for the big things in life, and overlooking the little things that mean so much; the friendly smile, the sympathizing tear, the friendly pat on the back, and the good deeds of service that really make the world go around are overlooked by many of us looking for something bigger.

Many people always feel that they are getting a bad break in life and expect someone else to do something about it; yet their unhappiness is probably due mostly to their way of thinking that the world owes them happiness rather than the pursuit of happiness.

"The greatest discovery of my generation," William James continued, is that "human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind." The attitude of mind or the size or quality of our thoughts is of utmost importance in determining the kind of life we live and what "breaks" we get. Think small mean thoughts and you get a small mean life; and think big, creative, positive thoughts and you begin to get a life filled with satisfaction. Much human illness actually begins in the mind and is the result of the way we think.

If one would consider the lily, the infinity of the heavens, the wonders and beauties of nature, the omnipotence of God, and adjust one's thoughts toward others in tones of praise rather than in criticism and cynicism one would be starting himself on the way of thinking good thoughts.

E. P. Blair, 33°, Vanceboro, N. C.

The principles taught in our Movement of Scottish Masonry are a well organized course in good living and good thinking and if these principles were seriously applied to all of the little things we do in everyday life, much more happiness would come to us in life. Surely, there is beauty in the unfolding of our degrees in Scottish Rite Masonry. What degree in the Scottish Rite shines with the particular beauty rapture? Is it the 14th, 18th, or the 32nd? In one the initiate is given a vivid portrayal of that mystic art which is called Masonry. Each member probably can glimpse avenues of beauty in all of the degrees exemplified in the Scottish Rite.

But this is not enough. Men should carry the practical teaching of the Rite into their every day life. Yes, in a real measure, we make up the beds that we sleep in. Masons are judged as Christian people by their daily actions and by the

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The Psalmist prayed, "Let the beauty of the Lord be upon us." Perhaps this should be a Masonic prayer and if "beauty is God's handwriting" may every Scottish Mason write upon the pages of his small sphere of activity: "I have seen the great light and beauty of Masonry; I thank God for the beauty of the Earth of which I am a part."

Yes, "As for me my Bed is Made," for I sincerely hope that I have seen the Light and the Beauty of our Movement, and I hope that I can practice it in my small sphere of the Earth in which I am privileged to live.

DOWN ONSLOW WAY

By Reynold Davenport, 32°, K.C.C.H.
Jacksonville, N. C.

Onslow-Lejeune is getting ready for the November Reunion, and by the time this is in print many of the pre-reunion activities will have already taken place. Our Scottish Rite Club has scheduled its final pre-reunion meeting for the first Monday in November at the lodge hall in Richlands. This follows hard on the heels of our Ladies' Night party on October 31st. We are hoping that this one-two punch will produce some candidates.

The reunion date is much kinder to this area tnan was the case last November. There will be no conflict this time with the Marine Corps' Birthday, and the later scheduling also offers hope that some of the fall training exercises will have been completed.

With so many things in our favor we should make a creditable showing this time.

Our Onslow-Lejeune members and candidates should take all possible advantage of the services our Scottish Rite Club will provide during this reunion. The club will man a desk in the Temple during all three days and at this desk you will be able to organize car pools, leave messages for brethren elsewhere in the temple locate various brethren, and we can ease some of the traffic in and out of the business office. With full co-operation of the Onslow-Lejeune brethren we can provide

Reynold Davenport, 32°, K.C.C.H.
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a real service for ourselves and take some of the load off of Brother Charlie and his fine staff.

It has been real difficult to get anyone down here to predict our contribution to this reunion. It could be that the brethren have profited from the examples recently set by the hurricane forecasters and have decided against predicting anything.

The hurricane advisories in October would have been comic, had they not dealt with such grave subject matter. The text of one advisory would state that the hurricane would move northward at fourteen miles per hour for the next twenty-four hours. Twelve hours later an advisory would blandly inform you that the hurricane had been moving westward at six miles per hour for the past ten hours. While you were still reeling from these contradictions you plotted the co-ordinates given in the two advisories and found that the hurricane had actually backed up a hundred miles. All very confusing.

Perhaps these people who predict hurricane movement should resort to the formula that the weather man is reputed by Mark Twain to have used in predicting New England weather. According to Twain, the weather in New England was so unpredictable that the weather man on an ordinary day would forecast calm weather preceded and followed by gales from all points of the compass. This, he said, would be accompanied by alternately sunny and overcast skies from which would fall rain or snow or sleet, in no specific order or quantities. The temperature would be expected to vary from hot to freezing during unspecified hours. Down at the bottom of the day's forecast the weather man would note that all the foregoing was subject to considerable change. That's what you call getting off the hook, and it would appear that our hurricane experts need to adopt this kind of forecasting, or in some more direct fashion confess their inexpertness.

This business of setting up shop as an expert is sort of dangerous anyway. I found this out not long after becoming a Certified Lecturer. Some of the brethren figured that a Certified Lecturer should be able to accurately answer any and all questions involving Masonic law and ritual, and I was only too willing to accept the expert status thus implied. With great wisdom I answered all their questions, and my freely offered opinions would have done credit to a Supreme Court Justice (current company excused). It came as a considerable shock to discover that I was giving a lot of wrong answers and was expounding some opinions that had no basis in logic. I discreetly shut off the emission of infallibility and meekly rejoined the ranks of the questioners. If anyone asks me a question now, I go get the book. It was written by experts.

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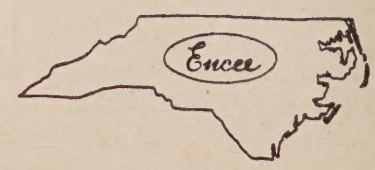

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BY BEING A MAN

The best advice given by a friend is to "stand up like a man!" Just what is it that constitutes real manhood in our day? Is it to be found only in brain and brawn? Or is there something infinitely more fine in being a man? I submit three qualifications of being a real man.

First, he is a man who really believes in God. He believes that God is his creator. He sees that God is a lawgiver under whose righteous rule and administration he lives every day. Man must stand one day to give an account of his life before the mercy and judgment of God. What a difference this makes in the practical business of living day by day. How utterly impossible it is for a true man to follow the course of those wicked men who have brought upon their country, themselves, and the world the untold miseries which have been known in our generation. How different is he from those who thought that the rule of God could be defied and denied, and that no final judgment would inevitably fall upon them. Only by casting off the fear of the Lord could men initiate and execute the unspeakable cruelties which we have seen. When Godliness is scarce iniquity is let loose. We often say that; but we don't really believe it! If we did really believe it deep down in our heart, we would cast off Godliness like a cloak when the occasion called for action. As Scottish Rite Masons, we are taught to oppose all that is vile, vicious, and ugly. This takes being a man!

The second mark of a real man is that he makes his life and action a service to the Great Architect of the Universe. The belief of a Mason is that he has a guide for the duty of every day. Some say that "belief" comes from a source which indicates "what men live by." Certainly a Mason seeks sincerely to live his belief in a supreme being. He may serve human needs as a merchant or manufacturer but he offers his service to that supreme being. He may serve human rights like the statesman and the lawyer; he may meet the infirmities like the physician; he may help meet the hunger of the soul like the minister, author, artist or composer. Whatever the nature of his service for mankind, it is laid upon the altar as a sacrificial gift. Every life pursuit so laid upon the altar is a sacred calling. Every individual who is true to his concept of the Supreme Being makes his daily life a means of grace to his soul, a means of good for his fellowmen, and a means of glory to his God. Do you believe that? Really believe it?

Clyde G. McCarver, 32°

The third mark of a real man is that he tends to become in some degree like the God in whom he puts his trust and whom he serves. As a painter's hands become colored by the substance which he handles, so the Godly man's communion with the Most High brings to his soul divine qualities.

One out-and-out good man can change the climate of his community and have more to do with lifting that community than all the sermons that now are being delivered. Many a weak-kneed man looks at a True Mason and feels better for it. He sees one standing for the best and setting his face against evil. He is inclined to say "if he can do it, so can I." Look at a man's closest friends and the standards by which he lives his life and you can see how genuine that individual is.

Every vital Mason is like salt to society. Few people ever really recognize the debt we all owe to the Godly. It is they who are the pillars of society. The newspaper may not list them as the "Man of the year"! Yet, "their works do follow them."

I often think of a statement of Studdard Kennedy to the effect that "You must be something to do something." How true that is in our craft. No amount of learning of ritual, if it has to stand alone, has the ability to replace the need for true men. Learning can become the handmaid of villainy, bigotry, pride, and avarice, if divorced from character. No public service can be the substitute for a pure life. It is this vital thing of character which gives power and influence to men. Without character no lasting good can be accomplished in the improvement of society.

By and large the most of us may not have the opportunity to make our witness felt greatly in the larger issues of life and the body politic. What is needed is that we all realize that, though humble people who fill a small place, we can fill it for the Grand Artificer of the Universe. This is our task as Masons. No more and no less. God grant us the ability to be men who are "free born, properly vouched for, and worthy of hearing the welcomed words "Well done good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things. Enter into the joy of the Lord."

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

ELIZABETH CITY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club held its Pre-Reunion meeting September 25, 1963 at 7 p.m. in the Masonic Temple at Elizabeth City.

A delicious Buffet Supper was prepared for the approximately 40 members who attended. President Clyde "Gus" Garrett appointed a Membership Committee which is charged with giving the Club that little bit of push to secure those prospective candidates. The Club has information which indicates some ten candidates are in line for November, but Brother Charlie will not be satisfied with that. Now is the time to get that candidate to sign the petition and prepare for the reunion, November 19, 20 and 21. Brother Charlie has indicated that he would like to have no less than 20 candidates for this Reunion from the Elizabeth City area. We can do this for Brother Charlie if everybody will get out and really *work!!*

We were delighted as always to have with us Brother James W. Brewer, 33°, Past Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, who brought the Brethren regards from the Consistory and also a most inspiring message on Scottish Rite Masonry. It is always a pleasure for the Elizabeth City Club to have Brother Jimmy visit with us. We hope that he enjoys coming for we want him again very soon. We were pleased to have visit with us Brother Richard (Dick) Lucas, 32° K.C.C.H., of Plymouth, who as usual had a few remarks to which all of us in Scottish Rite should pay more attention. Along with Brother Dick was Brother W. C. Chesson, a good and faithful brother to us all.

The Club is preparing for our Ladies Night party to be held in the Masonic Temple in Elizabeth City November 4, at which time Brother Ed Blair will be our guest speaker. Brother Charlie will be on hand to give the Brethren and their Ladies some real inspiring information. Plan now to attend and enjoy the food and fellowship.

The Club will hold its last meeting of the year early in December. This is an important meeting for we will elect the officers for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIS S. BELL, 32°,
Secretary

HAVELOCK-CHERRY POINT SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club had its regular meeting on September 27th at Brockway Hall. The meeting was opened and closed by Vice-President Bob Powell, 32°, in absence of President Newberry Williams, 32° who is attending a company school. Further plans were formulated for a husbands' and wives' dinner scheduled for October 25th at 7:30 at Brockway Hall. Suggestions were made to have a Pancake Supper to build the treasury up and enable the Club to get funds for our project of a public address system for Cherry Point Lodge #688. A membership committee of Gene Lewis, James Mitchell and J. R. Shelton, was appointed for the November Reunion. No further business was transacted.

M. C. BASNIGHT, 32°
Secretary

PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE COOK-OUT AND LADIES' NIGHT PARTY

On Wednesday night, September 25, 1963, the Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club entertained their wives, lady friends, and invited guests with a cook-out charcoal steak dinner and the trimmings that go along with it. The party was held at the Hertford Grammar School Cafeteria, and was well attended and fully enjoyed by everyone present. There were no left-overs for sale, as all appetites were up to and above normal; for when that food committee, composed of Dr. Bonner, Tuck Webb, Toss White, Matt Spivey, Jr., Carson Spivey, Sr. Marvin Caddy, Horace Webb, C. E. Winslow and others, got those steaks ready for eating, all appetites were at a high pitch; even the specially invited guests from New Bern, Brothers Charlie Seifert, Nelson Banks, and Jake Chadwick, were huddled closely around the cooking stands and had to be ushered into the dining room where the serving took place. After a beautiful blessing by Brother Nelson Banks, the cafeteria style serving and eating was carried out fully. President of the Club, Charles Campen, welcomed all the members, their wives and ladies, and invited guests, and then turned the meeting over to Secretary G. C. Buck, who recognized and presented Brother Nelson Banks. Brother Banks gave an excellent address on Scottish Rite Masonry which was informative and inspiring to all present; Brother Jake Chadwick was presented and made a short talk for the good of Masonry; Brother Charlie Seifert was recognized and presented, and in his usual jovial manner he made an interesting talk for the good of the cause. Secretary Buck recognized the three prospects who were present—Walter Harrison, Ray Perry, and Jimmie Robertson; he thanked the ladies for their presence, and for their interest and cooperation in helping to make the Scottish Rite party a success; then thanked the New Bern brethren for taking time out to come and join in our party. Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club has thirty members, and twenty-five of them with their wives and lady friends were present at the party.

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ALBERT PIKE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club of Plymouth, N. C. held their regular meeting on Thursday night, September 12, 1963 at the Masonic Temple, Plymouth, N. C.

The following members were present: Brothers Raymond Leggett, Sr., President, Brother W. A. Roebuck, Vice President, Brother W. C. Chesson, Secretary and Treasurer. Other members: Brothers C. D. Ingoll, Jack Latham, James Spencer, James Hardison, Charles Hutchins, Dan Pittman, Benton Tetterton, Woodrow Dixon, Bill Leary, Randy Waters, Hilton Dunbar, Bryan Harris, Bill Styron, Richard Davenport, Tom Gardner, and Dallas Harden, a member of the Blue Lodge, who has already filed his petition for the Scottish Rite Degrees with Brother Seifert.

Brother Leggett has just informed me that another petition has been handed to him, which brings us to a total of three so far. Brother Putt Landing filed this morning. We were very pleased to get this report.

We will have our next meeting at "Hub's Reck," Belhaven, N. C.. Thursday night, October 10, 1963. Every member is urged to attend, and if possible bring a candidate with him. We are proud of our attendance throughout the summer and would like for our enthusiasm to even increase right up to and including our fall reunion.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Brother Tom Gardner and Brother W. C. Chesson for a delicious ham dinner, which was thoroughly enjoyed by every one.

Theer has never been a time in the history of the world when the principles of Masonry were more urgently needed than at the present moment.

Today the United States stands at the crossroads. Shall our great Nation be led to ruin by false leaders, or shall the men who know and serve the eternal God lead us into the way of peace and power?

"Remember, Brethren, it isn't necessary to tell others that you are a Mason; they can tell if you are by your actions, one way or the other."

In this day and age, when what we do is so important, the need to be proud of our Masonry is more pronounced than ever. Let's examine our faith in God and see if we can truly say to ourselves, "I am a Mason. I am proud of it. I know that God is on my side and I'm not afraid to admit it. I love my way of life and I have the faith in the Supreme Architect of the Universe that will guide me into everlasting life."

Brethren, our beloved Fraternity needs you—and you need it. Live it and you will reap the profit of faith that you have never known before.

Therefore, take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly.

WILMER C. CHESSON,
Secretary and Treasurer

ALBERT PIKE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" of Plymouth, N. C. held their regular meeting on Thursday night, Oct. 10, 1963 at "Hub's Reck" Belhaven, N. C. a delicious seafood dinner was enjoyed by everyone.

The following members were present: Brother George Raymond Leggett Sr. President. Brother Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary and treasurer. Other Brethren: R. H. Lucas, Hilton Dunbar, Bryant Harris, Frank Bickerstaff, C. D. Ingoll, Charles Hutchins, Putt Landing, Randy Waters, Tom Gardner, Dan Pittman, Jack Latham.

Our next meeting will be at the "Masonic Temple" Plymouth, N. C. Thursday night Nov. 14, 1963.

The intention of God was, when he created the world, that His creatures should recognize His existence. Therefore He created evils, to afflict them withal when they should sin, and Light and Blessing to reward the just. And therefore man necessarily has free-will and election since Good and Evil are in the World.

Finally, the three greatest moral forces are Faith, which is the only true Wisdom, and the very foundation of all government; Hope, which is Strength, and insures success; and Charity, which is Beauty, and alone makes animated, united effort possible. These forces are within the reach of all men; and an association of men, actuated by them, ought to exercise an immense power in the World. If Masonry does not, it is because she has ceased to possess them.

Having brought into the foal three petitions, until now, let us exercise all the moral forces we possess to bring others in before our fall reunion.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Sec. and Treas.

ROCKY MOUNT SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Rocky Mount Scottish Rite Club met at the Masonic Temple on Sept. 28th. The attendance was smaller than anticipated due to the inclement weather on this evening.

Brother S. D. Fuller, president of the club, outlined the plans for practice for the Degree Team to be ready for the Degree work at Enfield on Oct. 16th. He also announced that we would hold our supper meeting at Melton's Barbecue on Wednesday, Oct. 9th, at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

The supper meeting of the club was held at Melton's on Wednesday evening with a very good attendance. Again the attendance had to be divided with three other conflicting supper meetings which had been scheduled for this same date. After the supper and brief business being attended to the Degree team members assembled at the Masonic Temple to practice again for the Reunion to be held in Enfield. Several petitions have been sent to Enfield by members of the club.

The annual election of officers was held at this meeting and the following were elected to serve the club for the coming year: L. C. Stewart, president; M. J. Stokes, vice-president; and Frank L. Yost, Secretary-Treasurer. We also had three new members to join the club: Brethren: J. V. Stanley, R. Lee Alltop and Jas. B. Childress.

M. J. STOKES, 32°,
Secretary

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

A dinner meeting of the Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club was held in the dining room of Washington Lodge, Washington, N. C. with about twenty members and their wives present. The meeting was presided over by Brother Robert Mohler, 32°, President, and also present were William W. Alligood, 32°, Vice-President and Brother Ebbie Gaylord, 32°, Secretary-Treasurer.

A very suptuous meal of charcoaled hamburgers and all accessories was provided and thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

Also present was C. A. Seifert, 33°, Secretary of the New Bern Consistory, who spoke of the approaching Reunion to be held on the 19th, 20th and 21st of November. Brother Seifert exhorted the members present to use every possible effort to get candidates for the occasion. Other talks were made by both the President and the Secretary and by Brother Ashley Leggett, Past President of the Club.

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JUDGE BUNDY LADIES NIGHT SPEAKER

Judge W. J. Bundy of Greenville, past grand master of North Carolina Masons and past potentate of Sudan Shrine Temple, was speaker at the annual Ladies Night sponsored by the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies and held Thursday night Oct. 10th in the Scottish Rite Temple.

Norris C. Reed served as master of ceremonies and Charles T. Potter welcomed the nearly 400 members and guests in attendance. Rev. Charles E. Williams, rector emeritus of Christ Episcopal Church, gave the invocation.

R. L. Pugh, a past grand master of North Carolina Masons, presented Judge Bundy, telling of his dedication to Masonry, and his service to his community, state and nation.

Judge Bundy discussed the meaning of Scottish Rite Masonry and the effect it has on the life and service of its members. He urged Blue Lodge Masons to consider seriously the matter of becoming Scottish Rite Masons and to take advantage of such a wonderful opportunity.

C. A. Seifert, secretary of the New Bern Consistory, announced that the semi-annual reunion will be held on November 19, 20 and 21 and urged members to assist in securing petitions from prospective members. He stated that he hoped to have the largest class ever at this fall reunion.

Mr. Reed recognized W. F. Dowdy, who was present although confined to a wheelchair.

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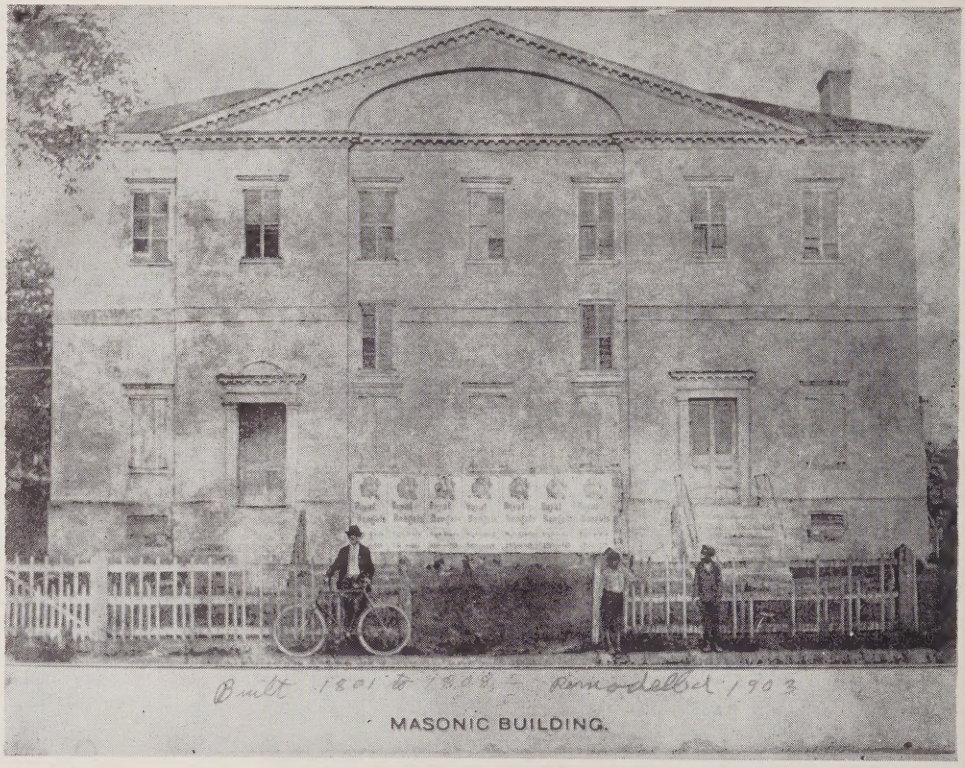

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